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In re Patent Application of:

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For: DETERMINATION OF IONS USING ION-

SENSITIVE ENZYMES

Examiner: R. Hutson

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 16, 2009, for which a response is due on March 16, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 16, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.